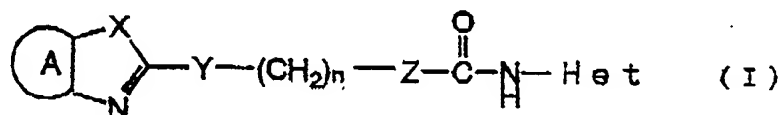


**Amendments To The Claims:**

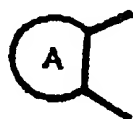
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

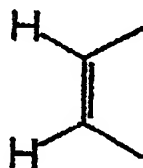
9. (Previously Amended) Compounds represented by the formula (I)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



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Het represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

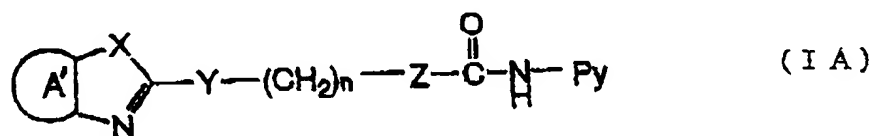
Y represents  $-\text{NR}_4-$ , an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

$\text{R}_4$  represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

10. (Previously Amended) The compounds according to claim 9, which are represented by the formula (IA)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of;

Py represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR<sub>4</sub>-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

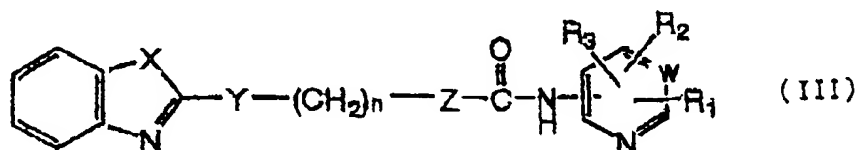
Z represents a single bond;

R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

11. (Previously Amended) The compounds according to claim 9, which are represented by the formula (III)



wherein, W represents =CH-;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents  $-NR_4-$ , an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

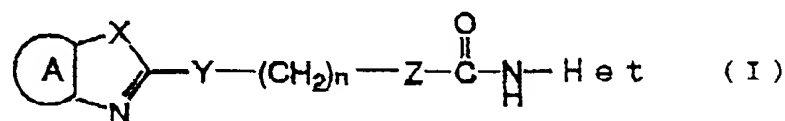
Z represents a single bond;

$R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a sulfonamide group, a lower alkylthio group or an optionally substituted amino group, or two of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$ , together form an alkylenedioxide group, provided that  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are not hydrogen at the same time;

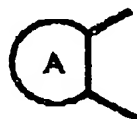
$R_4$  represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

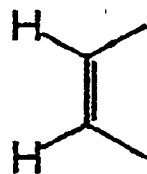
12. (Previously Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and at least one compound selected from the compounds represented by the formula (I)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



Het represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

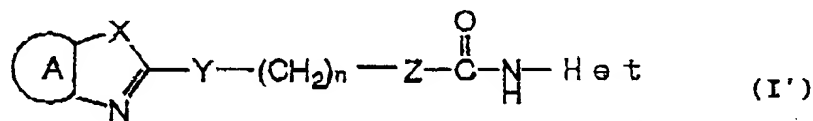
Z represents a single bond;

R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

14. (Presently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12-~~or~~ 13, which is a remedy or a medication for preventing hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease or aortic aneurysm.

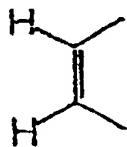
15. (Previously Amended) A method for treating hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease or aortic aneurysm by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a compound of the formula (I')



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



Het represents substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR<sub>4</sub>-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

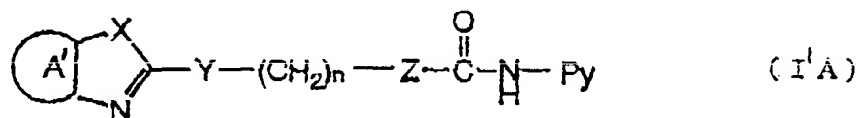
Z represents a single bond;

R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

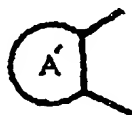
n is an integer of from 1 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

16. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein a compound of formula (I'A) is administered



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene;

Py represents an optionally substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR<sub>4</sub>-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

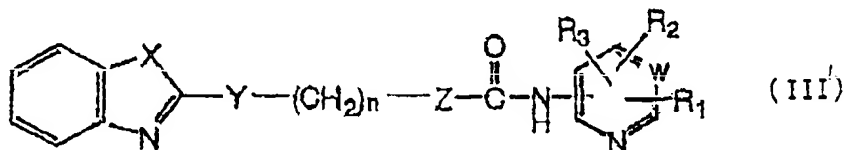
Z represents a single bond;

R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group;

n is an integer of from 1 to 15,

or salts or solvates thereof.

17. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein a compound of formula (III') is administered



wherein, W represents =CH-,

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR<sub>4</sub>- an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

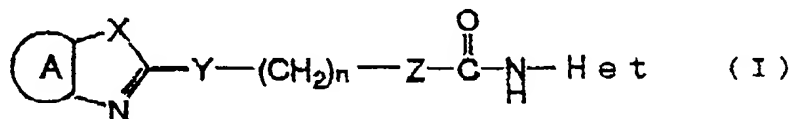
R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub> are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a sulfonamide group, a lower alkylthio group or an optionally substituted amino group, or two of R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>3</sub>, together form an alkylenedioxide group;

R<sub>4</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 1 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

18. (Previously Amended) A method claim 15 wherein a compound represented by formula (I) is administered,



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene;

Het represents a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group;

X is an oxygen atom;

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Y is a sulfur atom;  
Z is a single bond;  
n is 1;  
or salts or solvates thereof.